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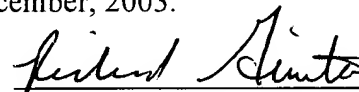
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TO STORAGE DEVICES IN A STORAGE SYSTEM WITH  
ACCESS CONTROL

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Listing of **Claims** begin on page 2 of this amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 16 of this amendment.